GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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HANDOVER OF DRDA FUNCTIONS TO DISTRICT PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the amount released by the Center to District Rural Development Agencies has not been utilized properly for undertaking development works in villages;

(b) if so, the total number of agencies working under District Rural Development Programme and getting funds from the centre;

(c) Whether the Government proposes to link the said agencies through computer network for the purpose of monitoring;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) Whether the Government has directed handing over the functions of DRDA to district Panchayats; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) The funds are released by the Ministry of Rural Development to the State Governments and District Rural Development Agencies (DRDA) for implementation of various rural development programmes. According to the guidelines in force, Utilization Certificates are required to be furnished by the DRDAs/Implementing Agencies for obtaining the full allocation of funds. This is to ensure that funds are properly utilized.

(b) The Ministry of Rural Development release funds only to the State Governments/UT Administrations and District Rural Development Agencies as per the guidelines of the respective Schemes.

(c) & (d) The DRDAs have been provided with Computer Connectivity, which enables them to transmit information on-line for monitoring the progress of implementation of the programmes.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Question does not arise.